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Appl. No. : 09/875,369

Art Unit: 3644

Applicant : Kengo OCHI; Takeshi Ikegami

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Examiner: SMITH, Kimberly S.

Title : ANIMAL EXCRETIONS-TREATING MATERIAL CAPABLE OF BEING DISPOSED OF IN FLUSH TOILETS

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Upon reviewing the Examiner Interview Summary Record prepared by the Examiner on August 12, 2003 (Exhibit A), Applicants have identified the following inaccuracies:

Adda C. Gogoris was a participant during the interview, but this name does not appear on the Examiner's Interview Summary form.

A third prior art reference, Chikazawa (U.S. Patent No. 5,209,185) was discussed during the interview, but this reference is not identified on the Examiner's Interview Summary form.

Agreement was reached that the term "α-starch" is not a trade name, and that the question of whether "α-starch" is a trade name is no longer an issue, but this agreement is not reflected in the Examiner's Interview Summary form.

A copy of the Examiner Interview Summary Record prepared by Applicants and filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 6, 2003 is also enclosed (Exhibit B).


Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiners for the courtesy of the telephonic interview and the efficiency with which it was conducted.

If there are any other issues remaining, which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 28, 2003

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